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In re application of _____ : January 20, 2004
Eric P. Solecky et al. : Examiner: Tung S. Lau
Serial No. : 09/996,399 :
Filed: November 29, 2001 : IBM Corporation
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR : Dept. 18G/Bldg. 300-482
CHARACTERIZING FEATURES AT : 2070 Route 52
SMALL DIMENSIONS : Hopewell Junction, NY
: 12533-6531

Request for Reconsideration

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following request for reconsideration is submitted in response to the final office action dated October 20, 2003.

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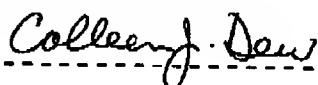
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Re Applic of	Eric P. Solecky et al.
Docket No.	FIS920010256US1
Serial No.	09/996,399
Filing Date	November 29, 2001
Attorney	Steven Capella

Attached: REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION & NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Applicant(s): Eric P. Solecky et al.

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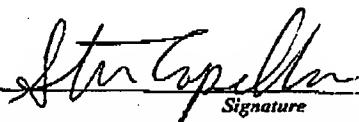
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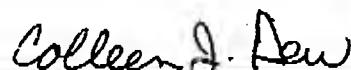


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